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## SERVANTHOOD

It's important that we strive to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ known and to bring the Word of God to those who are searching. This is ultimately what the church should be doing. As we do our best to play a part in that, we are in the process of distributing 200 Project 316 audio players over the next few months into the Hmong villages in southeast Asia. The need is great, and it is hard to keep up with the demand, but through your prayers and financial support we can get the Word out to those who are longing to have it!

In this newsletter, I wanted to remind all of us that, as believers we are all called to serve. In fact, if a believer is not serving Christ, he/she is being disobedient. Each one of us have spiritual gifts that were given by the Holy Spirit at the moment we became a follower of Christ, and they are to be used in serving others and not oneself (1 Corinthians 12). Unfortunately, most Christians today have a consumer mindset and look at what a local church can give to them rather than how they can serve the local church. (One of the ways you can tell if a local church is a healthy church is in regards to how many individuals serve.) It should go without saying that to be a Christian is to be a servant. In regards to doing ministry, obviously money is needed, but that is not the only thing. The giving of your time is just as important. Pertaining to our ministry to the Hmong, we need money to put more audio players into the hands of our brothers and sisters. We certainly could not do our ministry without those funds.

When it comes to our ministry to the Hmong, I'm so thankful that Christ has given those opportunities to us. And with your support all of these years, the Hmong church in southeast Asia has grown both in number and in maturity. We often get text messages on Facebook, for example, of how the audio players are being used by Hmong believers to evangelize to their family and friends, which was part of what they were intended for.



## Praise and Prayer Requests

- *Praise God for the new batch of Project 316 audio players that will be distributed soon in the next couple of months.*
- *Pray for more funds for additional audio players. The audio players continue to be in high demand.*
- *Pray that we can use volleyball as a tool to connect with others and impact our local community for Christ.*
- *Pray for more opportunities for discipleship/mentorship.*

Speaking of being a servant, several of the lessons on the audio players are designed to encourage Hmong believers (whether new in the faith or old), to serve the body of Christ, and many of them do just that even as soon as they become a new believer. As you know, they don't have much financially and so they have to help each other out in whatever way they can. If you would ever have the chance to visit a Hmong village and find out there are believers there, you'll know right away who they are because of their desire to serve.



## Volleyball

Although our numbers are relatively low since we started our outreach, many of those who join us are from outside of our local church. Again, our desire is to reach out to those who either do not know Christ, or who have walked away from the body of Christ. So, continue to pray that we can use volleyball as a way to impact our local community, whether Hmong or not.

## One last thing

Just recently we attended the funeral of a 37 year old, Hmong man who had committed suicide due to the relentless racist remarks being thrown at him over the years and also being bullied throughout his life. We didn't know him personally, but it shocked the entire Hmong community in which we live in because nothing like this has ever happened before. He was raised in a godly home, but we don't know if he was a believer. Either way, we as the body of Christ, need to be aware of these things. We need to be willing to stand up against the evils of this world, and be willing to reach out to those who are hurting.

In Ephesians 4:10 it says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." So, are you making an impact for Christ? If not he wants to use you.

*God bless,  
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